

NEW CLAIMS

19. A reader for electro-optically reading indicia, comprising:

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- a) a housing having a body portion extending along a longitudinal direction to one end region of the housing, a light-transmissive window at said one end region, and a handle portion extending along a handle direction to an opposite end region of the housing;
 - b) a scanner mounted within the housing for electro-optically scanning the indicia with light passing through the window;
 - c) a first, annular, resilient member mounted at said one end region and surrounding the window, the first member having upper, lower and side edges extending along the longitudinal direction past the window away from the body portion, the side edges extending further from the window than the upper and lower edges to constitute a first resting surface;
 - d) a second resilient member mounted at said opposite end region and extending away from the handle portion, said second member having a bottom edge constituting a second resting surface which, together with the first resting surface, support the housing on a generally planar support surface when the handle portion is not held by a user;
 - e) an eyelet extending through the second resilient member, for alternatively supporting the housing when the handle portion is not held by the user; and
 - f) a spacer on the first resilient member, for spacing the window at a given minimum distance from the indicia to be read.

20. The reader of claim 19, wherein each resilient member is constituted of a hard rubber.

21. The reader of claim 19, wherein the upper and lower edges are convexly curved.

22. The reader of claim 19, wherein the spacer is integral with the lower edge and is concavely curved.

23. The reader of claim 19, wherein the eyelet extends along the handle direction through the second member.

24. The reader of claim 19, wherein the longitudinal and handle directions form an obtuse angle with each other.

25. The reader of claim 19, and a trigger on the handle portion, for manually actuating the scanner when the handle portion is held by the user.
